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BICENTENNIAL TRAIN OF THOUGHT

THE FREEDOM TRAIN is comprised of ten display cars which house a rich and fascinating panorama of 200 years of the American experience. As you move from car to car, you will see a kaleidoscope of priceless historical treasures. Included in the list of artifacts are documents, rare photographs, and art treasures. More than 750 items from more than 250 sources provide an interesting assortment of American memorabilia. Outside the train, you will have a chance to visit two showcase cars enveloping six large and imposing displays, each marking a milestone in America's development ... from a twice-size duplicate of the Liberty Bell to a Lunar Rover. Each car will carry out a theme taking you back through history and then transporting you to the present. Viewers will be carried through the ten display cars on a "Moving Sidewalk" which will take approximately 20 minutes from beginning to end.....(by the City of San Jose Bicentennial Commission)

The American Freedom Train stops in San Jose on Sunday, December 14th (6 to 10 P.M.) and Monday through Wednesday, December 15th, 16th, and 17th (8 A.M. to 10 P.M.) at Market and Bassett Streets. Tours can be arranged through the Odyssey Record Shop, Santa Cruz, and tickets are for adults $2.10 and for children and senior citizens $1.10. Investigation has borne out that the best, or perhaps only, time to tour at this point is from 4 to 10 P.M. Those wishing to form a group from Aromas, call Carole Jones, 724-0588. This is a once in a life-time opportunity!!!

AROMAS GRANGE HAS BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM: A bicentennial program called "I Love America", by John W. Peterson, was presented by the Freedom Singers at the Aromas Grange Hall November 28th, George Foxworthy as music director. The program was preceded by a potluck dinner and followed by a social gathering and refreshments.

Grange officers of Monterey County Granges elected for 1976 were installed Sunday, November 30th at the Prunedale Grange with State Master, Chester Deaver, presiding. Officers for Aromas Grange #361 are: Master, Sam Worrell; Overseer, Bob Fieguth; Lecturer, Wanda Fieguth; Steward, Grace Simmons; Assistant Steward, Ted Hansen; Lady Assistant Steward, Rena Smiley; Chaplain, Eleanor Meyer; Treasurer, Alice Turner; Secretary, Shirley Callesen; Gatekeeper, Ned Simmons; Ceres, Beulah Newsom; Pomona, Teressie White; Flora, Dorothy Brown; Executive Committee, Ida Kauffman, Karl Klauman, and Albert Meyer; Pianist, Verna Hansen. Ethel Lange served as marshal for our group.

Applications for three new members were received at our last business meeting.

Plans are being made for our Grange Christmas Party December 12th.

There will be no pancake breakfast in December.

by Grace Simmons
60 Carr Avenue, Aromas

WATER DISTRICT monthly meeting is Tuesday, December 16th, 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station. All are welcome to attend. See how close we are to obtaining better water.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING on Tuesday, December 16 at 8 P.M., Renaissance Board Room. Alex Solano is our representative on the board; he was present at the Aromas School meeting with Carlos Lopez, which indicates his interest in us.

FIRE DISTRICT:

The Air wishes to make amends for errors in Joyce Carter's letter to the Editor which appeared in Issue 2, November 24. Due to this editor's mistyping, the major thrust of Joyce's message was lost. Rather than reprinting the letter, we encourage all of you to take a closer look at the situation and attend the Fire Commissioners meeting coming up Tuesday, November 9, at 7:30 P.M. in the Fire Station.

A recent interview with Dale Andrews, who has put in some 6 years with our Fire District, revealed the wonderful saga of a department started from scratch by a handful of men. Leo Herrlich was one of them. Mr. Herrlich stated that in the beginning, when there were just a few homes here and there, men sought out each others help during a crisis such as fire. "If my house catches on fire, you help me put it out and if yours catches on fire, I'll help you" was the pattern for our Fire District. A 36 square mile area was mapped out and 2 employees and three commissioners eventuated. Aromas is growing now, rapidly. We meet an average of 30 call-outs per month, as opposed to the 12 or so of the past. We now have a 5-member Board of Commissioners: Fred Haas, Joe Rodriguez, Mary Jane Morton, Del Armor, and Ken White. We have only 3 paid employees and manage ably with our dedicated volunteers to handle all our call-outs. We could use more trained volunteers, as there have been times when all existing ones were not available on a call-out. Our men have CPR cards and advanced first aid cards. The Fire District has need for an increase in taxes to obtain equipment. A tax increase election was passed on May 27, 1975, allowing a 15¢ increase. The fire commissioners were to have a special meeting to decide whether to take this year's increase or turn it down; this meeting was never held and the increase was never had! The board of commissioners are chosen from the community at large - no paid or volunteer firemen are allowed to be on this board. This has been a difficult situation, as the commissioners can hardly be sensitive to the needs of running a Fire District being exposed to them only once a month at a meeting. If each of us became more involved, we could equip our commissioners with clear concepts of what is needed and urge swift action on matters which have remained unresolved. Clearly, the responsibility lies on our shoulders. If we leave it up to the few stalwart souls who show up for every meeting and every call-out without showing our appreciation and support, we lose the opportunity to work with and for some of the finest people a community ever had! AND, in a small community such as ours, learning how to help each other in a time of crisis is imperative! — — —

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

A recent discussion with Leo Herrlich brought out something rather intriguing. Mr. Herrlich was involved at one time in the Aromas Service Club, which published a lovely paper called the Booster. Members have passed on or moved, leaving the Service Club in limbo, to be resurrected by others at some future time. Is this the time? It is possible that the Service Club bank account still exists and has some $75. in it. If there are any of you whose wheels start spinning like mine do at the thought of a community service club - don't hesitate to call me, Carole Jones, 724-0588. Let's schedule our first meeting on New Year's Day!

AROMAS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE met Saturday, November 29th, to study the structures and materials used at Hall District School at Hall and Sill Roads. Attending were: Paul McCollum, Glenn Sylva, Ralph and Donna Valdez, and Larry and Carole Jone Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 P.M. at the home of the Valdez', 465 Seely, Aromas. Pictures of a number of playgrounds will be presented and the Environmental Concept discussed. All interested are invited to come. Baby-sitting will be provided at the home of the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive, Aromas.

ASTRONOMY classes are conducted by John Sinacori at Aromas School each Thursday evening from 7 to 9 P.M. On the 4th of December Bode's Law of planitary distance from the sun was discussed, as was retrograde motion and current position of the planets for observation. (An 8-inch reflector telescope is on hand.) A Bell Telephone film was shown: "Our Sun". If you haven't checked out this class, you are missing a tremendous opportunity: John is a noted scientist and a delightful personality. He lives on Carr Avenue with his wife, Kathy, and his son, Peter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

I am taking this route to thank the Aromas School parents for their participation at the recent School Advisory Committee meeting held on November 25th. It is my hope that I helped to answer the many pertinent questions brought up at this meeting. I feel certain that my answers did not fully satisfy the more than 100 persons in attendance. Please call me either at work (722-9231, Ext. 309) or at home (688-6097) if you have concerns regarding your school program and/or operation.

Sincerely,
Carlos Lopez
South Zone Administrator

CARLOS LOPEZ, during his visit to Aromas School the evening of November 25th, gave us a detailed description of his job. He also expressed the sentiments of the School Board (to which he answers) were those of maintaining the "neighborhood school" such as ours. Busing is not presently being considered. Aromas School is to remain a Kindergarten - Sixth Grade school as far as can be anticipated. It is possible that Aromas 7th and 8th graders will be attending Pajaro School when plans are complete. Many questions from the floor were directed to Mr. Lopez. He reassured us, when asked if anyone knew Aromas was here, "I know Aromas is here! At 2 o'clock in the morning, I know Aromas is here!" Whatever else the meeting accomplished, it was noted that Aromas citizens are concerned and willing to find out what is going on and have a say about it. And, from the above letter, the people of Aromas note that Mr. Lopez respects our concern and welcomes further communication.

WORKSHOPS will be held for the purpose of acquainting parents, teachers,and aides with new concepts and techniques. A great deal of sharing and cross-fertilization must take place to make our Early Childhood Programs successful.

Tuesday, Dec. 9	Children's Literature, 3:30-10 P.M., Mar Vista School Library.
Wednesday, Dec. 10	ALTERNATIVES for Meeting Needs and Solving Problems in Education, 8:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M., San Jose.
Saturday, Dec. 13	Workshop in Salinas,
Thursday, Dec. 11	Monitoring and Review, Jim Follis, 2:30 P.M., Renaissance Bd. Rm.
Friday, Dec. 12	Community Resources, 8 A.M.-4 P.M., Santa Cruz Public Library.
Thursday, Dec. 18	Parent Involvement, Renaissance Board Room, 3 P.M.

You are urged to attend any and all workshops. If you have need of a baby-sitter in order to attend or wish further details, please call Carole Jones, 724-0588.

AROMAS SCHOOL MONITORING COMMITTEE: Parents: Linda Child, Chairperson; June Sylva; Ruth Snyder; Linda Montgomery; Debbie Barnes; and Joyce Carter. Administrator: Duane Peterson, Principal. Teachers: Gertrude Carmely and Nancy Finnin.

AROMAS SCHOOL MONITORING AND REVIEW COMMITTEE is shaping its first survey, the purpose of which is to assess our Early Childhood Program in terms of how well we are meeting the schedules and goals set forth in our master plan. First, each teacher completed a questionnaire formulated by the committee; next, each teacher was consulted by members of the Monitoring Committee; and lastly, each classroom will be visited by a team of two members of the committee. Classroom visitations will be conducted this week - December 8th-12th. Friday, December 5, a meeting was held with members of the Monitoring Committee, conducted by Mr. Jim Follis, who handles all federal and state compensatory programs in our district. Mr. Follis discussed the format of the State Monitoring and Review Committee whose visit we can look forward to in March. Mr. Follis will conduct a meeting for all interested in the monitoring aspect of our program on Thursday, December 11 at 2:30 P.M. at the Renaissance School Board Room. He was impressed by the enthusiasm with which the Aromas School and community have met the Early Childhood Program and looks forward to seeing many of us next Thursday. The findings of the Monitoring and Review Committee will be forthcoming. Another such survey will be conducted in the spring.

Aromas School Aides: Beverly Le Grange, Linda Child, Roberta Lambdin, Carla Mahler, Bobbie Brewer, Claudia Mize, Gayle Hopper, and Melinda Carpenter.

Aromas School Volunteers: Barbara Morales, Sandy Spitzer, Joan Foster, Carole Jones, Carol Ebberts, Carol Butler, Gail Robasciotti, Ruth Snyder, Cyndi Brewer, Debbie Houser, Earline Martinez, Ruth Sander, Connie Herrlich, Suzanne Clarke, Debbie Barnes Ann PaPec, Linda Montgomery, Nancy Luzovich, Martha Tidwell, Judy McCollum, June Sylva, Dianna Tidwell, Pat Bates, Bonnie Urrea, and Ginger Alderin.

PVUS DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE meets Thursday, December 18, 7:30 P.M. at the Renaissance School Board Room. This committee is comprised of a majority of parents representing all schools in our district which receive federal or state funding. This is Aromas School's first year on the committee. Please attend this meeting or share with Carole Jones your views, special needs, fears, questions, or what-have-you, so that I might better represent you. Mr. Jim Follis is always present at these meetings, as are many principals and teachers. Various community agencies, such as La Coalicion, Family Services, etc. are also represented. This committee advises both the community and the School Board. Such a wide spectrum of influence bears educated membership and I would appreciate benefit of any knowledge you can share with me. I will share with you what I learn during the course of our E.C.E. meetings at Aromas School.

E.C.E. Parent Advisory Committee meets on Wednesday, December 10 at 3 P.M. at Aromas School. Gayle Hopper, Chairperson, will conduct a meeting entitled: LEARNING TO ACCEPT CHANGE. Supervision for our children will be provided during the meeting. Gayle is a very dedicated coordinator who wants to know what you think, so please be present.

The STUDENT COUNCIL of Aromas School held its elections recently. Officers are: President, Rodney Bachman; Vice President, John Fort; Secretary, July Gomez; Treasurer, Delores Jiminez. The Student Council lists as its priorities school spirit and recreation. It has been discussed that Aromas School have a school flag, colors, and mascot. The Council has obtained a badminton set and is responsible for the care teaching, and scheduling required. The students hope to obtain two ping pong tables, a game of horseshoes (hard rubber), and more playground equipment. If you are discarding any games such as Monopoly, Checkers, Sorry, etc., please donate them to the student body at Aromas School for rainy day play. Student Council meetings are open and are scheduled for Mondays from 12:10 P.M. to 12:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

Friday, December 12.	Aromas School Teenage Dance, 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Sweete Shoppe to support the AIR.
Friday, December 12.	Grange Christmas Party.
Saturday, Dec. 13.	CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE begins. Hand-made items will be sold at the Adobe Kitchen. Contributors are asked to consult Pat Jenks, 728-2121.
Saturday, Dec. 13.	BAKE SALE by 5th and 6th graders for listening posts, Marshall's Grocery.
Tuesday, Dec. 16.	Aromas School P.T.A. Christmas Program, cafeteria, 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 18.	Aromas School Vocal and Instrumental Christmas Program, in the school cafeteria at 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, Dec. 21.	Night of Music "Christmas" at the Community Baptist Church.
Christmas Eve.	Candle-Lite Communion, Community Baptist Church, 7 P.M.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Dale Andrews has Douglas Firs $6.00 and Scotch Pines $7.00, Rea Road, 722-9520.

All Christmas TREES DONATED TO AROMAS SCHOOL ROOMS must arrive by Tuesday, December 9, for flameproofing.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL is Friday, December 19. SCHOOL RESUMES Monday, January 5th.

EXPLORING AROMAS' ENVIRONS . . . by Francine Carroll, 306 Barduo, Aromas

Frontier mission enforcing the rule of Spain. Mining boom town. Farm community. State Historic Park.

At various times in its 175 year history, San Juan Bautista has fit each of those descriptions. Located less than 10 miles from Aromas, this tranquil town offers an excellent opportunity to explore California history without going far from home. The Spanish mission, built in 1797, forms the heart of the present State Park. Many of the town's commercial buildings date from the period between 1850 and 1875, when San Juan Bautista served the New Idria quicksilver mines: these still house flourishing businesses which dispense antiques, delicious baked goods, and old-fashioned warmth and courtesy. Gradual restoration has turned the community into living history.

A Bicentennial Historic Walking Tour brochure, available from the San Juan Bautista Chamber of Commerce, details a three mile excursion into the past which highlights 41 points of interest and provides a pleasant way to spend a sunny afternoon.

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Gavilan, Cabrillo, and Hartnell Community Colleges offer Aromas residents unique educational opportunities. Whether you are seeking complete career training in an area such as practical nursing, data processing, or body and fender work, interested in earning credits which will lead to transfer to a four year college, or simply wish to pursue skills and knowledge for self-enrichment, these schools offer a wide range of courses in both day and evening sessions.

Each school is located roughly 20 miles from Aromas: Cabrillo College in Aptos Gavilan College in Gilroy, and Hartnell College in Salinas. Enrollment is simple: high school diplomas are not required of students over the age of 18 and very few fees are charged. New semesters will be beginning shortly after the first of the year. For course and enrollment information, call the following:

Cabrillo, 425-6201 Hartnell, 758-8211 Gavilan, 842-8221

BODY-WORK and CAR PAINTING. Call Jimmy Hopper at 722-9520.

DRAFTING, BLUEPRINTS. Call Dale Andrews at 722-9520.

TUTORING. Francine Carroll will tutor in reading, math, etc. Call 728-2749 Evenings.

PHOTOGRAPHER, DARKROOM PROCESSING. Roseann Carcelle, 1120 Cole Road, Aromas. Call 724-8122 or 724-8365.

RABBITS. The King's still have rabbits for sale, 724-4804, 379 Carpenteria, Aromas.

Pam Palmgren is ready to sell her rabbits, mostly Californians; 9 Albino and 2 California Flemish giants. Call 688-1180.

RECIPES from the kitchen of Joyce Carter, P.O. Box 195, Aromas

CRACKED WHEAT BREAD. Two Loaves. In large bowl thoroughly mix 2 cups flour, 3 tablespoons sugar, 4 teaspoons salt, 2 packages undissolved yeast. Set Aside. Combine: 1½ cups water, ½ cup milk, 3 tablespoons margarine in saucepan. Heat over low heat until very warm 120-130 deg. Gradually add to dry ingredients and beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer. Add 1 cup cracked wheat and beat at high speed 2 minutes. Stir in enough additional flour to make soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured board, knead until smooth and elastic - about 8 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down. Turn onto lightly floured board. Cover and let rest 15 minutes. Divide dough in half. Shape loaves, place in loaf pans and let rise until doubled in size. Bake at 400 deg. about 30 minutes.

TOMATO SOUP CAKE! Blend together 1/3 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 beaten egg, 1 can tomato soup undiluted. Sift together 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon clove, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1½ cups flour. Add to soup mixture. Add 1 cup raisins, ½ cup walnuts. Bake at 325 deg. in 9" square greased pan for 35-45 minutes. Topping: Blend 8 oz. package softened cream cheese with enough powdered sugar to make it sweet, ½ teaspoon vanilla. Thin with milk or cream if desired.

THE REST OF THE MATTER, IF WE WANT A STABLE WORLD, IS A VERY SIMPLE AND OLD-FASHIONED THING, A THING SO SIMPLE THAT I AM ALMOST ASHAMED TO MENTION IT FOR FEAR OF THE DERISIVE SMILE WITH WHICH THE WISE CYNICS WILL GREET MY WORDS. THE THING I MEAN IS LOVE, CHRISTIAN LOVE, OR COMPASSION.

IF YOU FEEL THIS, YOU HAVE A MOTIVE FOR EXISTENCE, A REASON FOR COURAGE, AN IMPERATIVE FOR INTELLECTUAL HONESTY.. . .Bertrand Russell

I CAN LIVE FOR TWO MONTHS ON A GOOD COMPLIMENT.....Mark Twain

IF YOU MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY NOW, YOU WILL MAKE THEM HAPPY TWENTY YEARS HENCE BY THE MEMORY OF IT.....Kate Douglas Wiggin

IN THE HUMBLEST MORTAL THERE IS A THRONE ROOM. ITS DOOR UNFOLDS SILENTLY, MAGICALLY, WHENEVER ONE DARES TO BE CREATIVELY USEFUL, TO BENEFIT HIS KIND BY BREAKING NEW PATHS, BUILDING NEW STRUCTURES, AWAKENING NEW DEEDS AND RESTORING NEW IDEALS.....
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.....Jesus

Hopefully, Aromas will never go off the AIR. Send your articles or contributions to the AROMAS AIR at the Aromas School or to P.O. Box 685, Aromas, 95004.